

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A superconductive filter module ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a vacuum heat insulating vessel (2);

a superconductive filter assembly (1) provided in the vacuum heat insulating vessel (2) and composed of a filter housing (21) having a signal input connector (27a) at which a filter input radio frequency signal is inputted and a signal output connector (27b) from which a filter output radio frequency signal is outputted and a at least one columnar resonating member (23) attached to ~~the~~ an inner wall (22) of the filter housing (21) at one end thereof (23a) so as to be spaced apart from the signal input connector (27a) and the signal output connector (27b) so that a filter output radio frequency signal component outputted from the signal output connector (27b) selected from the filter input radio frequency signal components inputted through the signal input connector (27a) is brought into a resonance mode in the filter housing (21), the columnar resonating member (23) being coated with a superconductive material (23B) on at least the surface thereof;

a cooling medium (3) provided in the vacuum heat insulating vessel (2) so that the superconductive filter assembly (1) is disposed thereon, and capable of cooling the superconductive filter assembly (1) so that the superconductive filter assembly (1) can be operated under a superconductive state;

a signal input cable (5a) connected to the signal input connector (27a) of the superconductive filter assembly (1) so that a filter input radio frequency signal to be

inputted into the signal input connector (27a) can be transmitted to the inside of the filter assembly (1), the signal input cable (5a) having a heat insulating portion capable of insulating heat conductance into the superconductive filter assembly (1) provided at a proper portion within the vacuum heat insulating vessel (2); and

a signal output cable (5b) connected to the signal output connector (27b) of the superconductive filter assembly (1) so that a filter output radio frequency signal extracted from the signal output connector (27b) can be transmitted to the outside of the filter assembly, the signal output cable (5b) having a heat insulating portion capable of insulating heat conductance into the superconductive filter assembly (1) provided at a proper portion within the vacuum heat insulating vessel (2), wherein

each of the filter housing and said at least one columnar resonating member is comprised of conductive material, the inner wall of the filter housing and the surface of the at least one columnar resonating member have a metal plating, and a superconductive film comprised of superconductive material is disposed on a surface of the metal plating.

2.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said at least one columnar resonating member (23) has ~~any one~~ of a circular cross-section, an elliptical cross-section ~~or~~ and a polygonal cross-section.

Claim 3.(canceled)

4.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 1,
~~characterized in that the~~ wherein

the filter housing (21) has on its the inner wall (22) thereof a center frequency adjusting member (24) for adjusting ~~the~~ a space amount formed between the inner wall (22) of the filter housing (21) and the other end (23b) of ~~the~~ said at least one columnar resonating member (23) so as to adjust the coupling capacity between the inner wall (22) of the filter housing (21) and the other end (23b) of said at least one columnar resonating member (23), whereby the center frequency of the filtering frequencies can be adjusted, ~~the~~ a surface of the center frequency adjusting member being comprised ~~made~~ of a superconductive material (24B).

5.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 4,
~~characterized in that the~~ wherein the center frequency adjusting member (24) is ~~made~~ comprised of ~~ordinary~~ conductive material, the surface of the center frequency adjusting member (24) has metal plating (24A) ~~applied~~, and a superconductive film (24B) ~~made~~ comprised of superconductive material is ~~formed~~ disposed on the surface of the metal plating (24A).

6.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 1,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein

a plurality of such columnar resonating members (23) are provided having ~~with~~ a regular interval interposed therebetween so as to form an array of said columnar resonating members on the inner wall (22) of the filter housing (21), and ~~that~~ the filter

housing has on ~~it's~~ the inner wall (22) ~~a~~ thereof a plurality of bandwidth adjusting member members (26) for adjusting ~~the~~ a space amount ~~formed~~ between the columnar resonating members (23) so as to adjust the coupling capacity between the columnar resonating members (23), whereby ~~the~~ a bandwidth of the filtering frequencies can be adjusted, ~~the~~ a surface of the bandwidth adjusting member members being ~~made~~ comprised of a superconductive material (26B).

7.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said bandwidth adjusting member members (26) ~~is~~ are made of ~~ordinary~~ conductive material, the surface of each ~~the~~ bandwidth adjusting member (26) has metal plating (26A) ~~applied~~, and a superconductive film (26B) ~~made~~ comprised of superconductive material is ~~formed~~ disposed on the surface of the metal plating (26A).

8.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 7, ~~any one of claims 3, 5 and 7~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~ordinary~~ conductive material ~~is~~ includes either copper ~~type~~ material or nickel ~~type~~ material.

9.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 7 ~~any one of claims 3, 5, and 7~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the metal plating (21A, 23A, 24A, 26A) ~~is made of~~ includes any one of silver ~~type~~ material, gold ~~type~~ material or nickel ~~type~~ material.

10.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 1,

~~any one of claims 1 to 10, characterized in that~~ wherein the superconductive material is made of any one of YBCO, NBCO, BSCCO, BSCCO, BPSCCO, HBCCO and TBCCO.

11.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the signal input connector (27a) and the signal output connector (27b) have respective signal coupling units (25a, 25b) provided in the filter housing (21) so as to be opposed to and be spaced apart from ~~the said at least one~~ columnar resonating member (23), respectively.

12.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each of the respective signal coupling units (25a, 25b) is provided with a signal coupling flat member (40).

13.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each of the respective signal coupling units (25a, 25b) is provided with a signal coupling loop member (41).

14.(currently amended): A superconductive filter module according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

each of the signal input cable (5a) and the signal output cable (5b) is arranged as a heat insulating coaxial cable composed of a center conductor, an insulating member coating the center conductor, and an external conductor provided on the periphery of the insulating member so as to have a respective heat insulating portion.

15.(withdrawn): A superconductive filter module according to claim 14, characterized in that the heat insulating portions are provided at a plurality of proper positions of the external conductor within the vacuum heat insulating vessel (2).

16.(withdrawn): A superconductive filter module according to claim 14, characterized in that

the external conductor (103) is arranged to coat the insulating member (102) so that a part of the periphery thereof is exposed, and the insulating member (102) is covered at the exposed peripheral portion with a metal plating (104) as a heat insulating portion having a thickness smaller than the thickness of the external conductor coating the insulating member (102) on the outer periphery thereof.

17.(withdrawn): A superconductive filter module according to claim 14, characterized in that the external conductor (113) is arranged to coat the insulating member (112) so that apart of the periphery thereof is exposed, the insulating member (112) is provided at the exposed peripheral portion (115) with an electrostatic capacity element (114) which couples ends of the external conductor coating the insulating member (112) to each other, and the exposed peripheral portion (115) serving as the heat insulating portion.

18.(withdrawn): (A superconductive filter module according to claim 14, characterized in that the external conductor (123) is arranged to coat the insulating

member (122) so that a part of the periphery thereof is exposed, and at the exposed peripheral portion (124) of the insulating member (122), both the opposing ends of the external conductor coating the insulating member (122) at the periphery thereof are formed into comb-shaped portions and opposed to each other in an interdigitating fashion so that a coupling capacity is created thereat and the opposing external conductor portions formed into the comb-shaped portions serving as the heat insulating portion.

19.(withdrawn): A superconductive filter module according to claim 14, characterized in that the external conductor is composed of a metal plating layer (133) coating the insulating member (132) at the outer periphery thereof and a resin layer (134) coating the metal plating layer (133), and at least the metal plating layer (133) also serving as the heat insulating portion.

20.(withdrawn): A superconductive filter module according to claim 14 characterized in that the external conductor is arranged as a strap-like conductive member (143) coiling around the outer periphery of the insulating member (142) with a part of the periphery of the insulating member (142) left uncovered, and the strap-like conductive member (143) coiling around the periphery of the insulating member (142) also serving as the heat insulating portion.

21.(withdrawn): A superconductive filter module according to claim 14, characterized in that the external conductor is formed into a meander- shaped conductive sheet member (153) coiling around the outer periphery of the insulating member (152)

with a part of the periphery of the insulating member (152) left uncovered, and the meander-shaped conductive sheet member (153) coiling around the periphery of the insulating member (152) also serving as the heat insulating portion.

22.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a filter housing (21);

a signal input connector (27a) attached to the filter housing (21) and connectable to a signal input cable (5a) for transmitting a filter input radio frequency signal;

a signal output connector (27b) attached to the filter housing (21) at a position different from ~~the~~ a position at which the signal input connector (27a) is attached, and connectable to a signal output cable (5b) for transmitting a filter output radio frequency signal; and

a at least one columnar resonating member (23) attached on ~~the~~ an inner wall (22) of the filter housing (21) at one end thereof (23a) so as to be spaced apart from the signal input connector (27a) and the signal output connector (27b) so that a filter output radio frequency signal component selected from the filter input radio frequency signal components is brought into a resonance mode in the filter housing (21), the at least one columnar resonating member being coated with a superconductive material (23B) on at least the surface thereof, wherein

each of the filter housing and said at least one columnar resonating member is comprised of conductive material, the inner wall of the filter housing and the

surface of the at least one columnar resonating member have a metal plating, and a superconductive film comprised of superconductive material is disposed on a surface of the metal plating.

23.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly according to claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the said at least one columnar resonating member (23) has ~~any one~~ of a circular cross-section, an elliptical cross-section ~~or~~ and a polygonal cross-section.

24.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly accordingly to claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each of the filter housing (21) and ~~the~~ said at least one columnar resonating member (23) are ~~made~~ comprised of ~~ordinary~~ conductive material, the inner wall (22) of the filter housing (21) and the surface of the at least one columnar resonating member (23) have metal plating (21A, 23A) ~~applied~~, and a superconductive film (21B, 23B) ~~made~~ comprised of superconductive material is ~~formed~~ disposed on the ~~a~~ surface of the metal plating (21A, 23A).

25.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly according to claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein

the filter housing (21) has on its the inner wall (22) thereof a center frequency adjusting member (24) for adjusting the space amount ~~formed~~ between the inner wall (22) of the filter housing (21) and the other end (23b) of the said at least one columnar resonating member (23) so as to adjust the coupling capacity between the inner wall (22)

of the filter housing (21) and the other end (~~23b~~) of ~~the~~ said at least one columnar resonating member (23), whereby the center frequency of the filtering frequencies can be adjusted, ~~the~~ a surface of the center frequency adjusting member being ~~made~~ comprised of a superconductive material (24B).

26.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly according to claim 25, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the center frequency adjusting member (24) is ~~made~~ comprised of ~~ordinary~~ conductive material, ~~the~~ a surface of the center frequency adjusting member (24) has a metal plating (24A) ~~applied~~, and a superconductive film (~~24B~~) ~~made~~ comprised of superconductive material is ~~formed~~ disposed on the surface of the metal plating (24A).

27.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly according to claim 22, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein
a plurality of such columnar resonating members (23) are provided with a regular interval interposed therebetween so as to form an array of said columnar resonating members on the inner wall (~~22~~) of the filter housing (21), and ~~that~~

the filter housing (21) has on the ~~its~~ inner wall (~~22~~) thereof a plurality of bandwidth adjusting ~~member-members~~ (26) for adjusting ~~the~~ a space amount ~~formed~~ between ~~the~~ said columnar resonating members (23) so as to adjust the coupling capacity between the columnar resonating members (23), whereby ~~the~~ a bandwidth of the filtering frequencies can be adjusted, ~~the~~ a surface of ~~the~~ each bandwidth adjusting member being ~~made~~ comprised of a superconductive material (26B).

28.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly according to claim 27, characterized in that wherein the bandwidth adjusting ~~member~~ members (26) ~~is~~ are ~~made~~ comprised of ~~ordinary~~ conductive material, the surface of ~~the~~ each bandwidth adjusting member (26) has a metal plating (26A) ~~applied~~, and a superconductive film (26B) made of superconductive material is ~~formed~~ disposed on ~~the~~ a surface of the metal plating (26A).

29.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly according to claim ~~any one of 24, 26 and 28~~, characterized in that wherein the ~~ordinary~~ conductive material is includes either copper ~~type~~ material or nickel ~~type~~ material.

30.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly according to claim ~~any one of claims 24, 26, and 28~~ characterized in that wherein the metal plating (21A, 23A, 24A, 26A) ~~is made of~~ includes any one of silver ~~type~~ material, gold ~~type~~ material or nickel ~~type~~ material.

31.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly according to ~~any one of claim 22~~ claims 22 to 30, characterized in that wherein the superconductive material is made of any one of YBCO, NBCO, BSOCO, BSOCO, BPSCO, HBSCO and TBSCO.

32.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly according to claim 22, characterized in that wherein the signal input connector (27a) and the signal output connector (27b) have signal coupling units (25a, 25b) provided in the filter housing (21) so as to be opposed to and be spaced apart from the at least one columnar resonating

member (23), respectively.

33.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly according to claim 32, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each of the signal coupling units (25a, 25b) is provided with a signal coupling flat member (40).

34.(currently amended): A superconductive filter assembly according to claim 32, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each of the signal coupling units (25a, 25b) is provided with a signal coupling loop member (41).

35.(currently amended): A heat insulating type coaxial cable for use with a superconductive filter assembly including a filter housing (21) having a signal input connector (27a) at which a filter input radio frequency signal is inputted and a signal output connector (27b) from which a filter output radio frequency signal is outputted, and a columnar resonating member, (23) each of the filter housing and the columnar resonating member is comprised of conductive material, the inner wall of the filter housing and a surface of the columnar resonating member have a metal plating, and the columnar resonating member is coated with a superconductive material (23B) on at least the a surface thereof so as to bring into a resonance mode in the filter housing (21), a filter output radio frequency signal component outputted from the signal output connector (27b) selected from the filter input radio frequency signal components inputted through the signal input connector (27a), the coaxial cable (5a, 5b) being connectable to either the signal input connector (27a) or the signal output connector (27b), the heat insulating type

coaxial cable ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a center conductor;

an insulating member coating the center conductor; and

an external conductor attached to the outer periphery of the insulating member and provided at a proper position thereof with ~~a~~ at least one heat insulating portion capable of insulating heat from being conducted into the superconductive filter assembly.

36.(currently amended): A heat insulating type coaxial cable according to claim 35, ~~characterized in that wherein the~~ a plurality of such heat insulating portions are provided at a plurality of proper positions of the external conductor.

37.(withdrawn): A heat insulating type coaxial cable according to claim 35, characterized in that the external conductor (103) is arranged to coat the insulating member (102) so that a part of the periphery thereof is exposed, and the insulating member (102) is covered at the exposed peripheral portion with a metal plating (104) as a heat insulating portion having a thickness smaller than the thickness of the external conductor coating the insulating member (102) on the outer periphery thereof.

38.(withdrawn): A heat insulating type coaxial cable according to claim 35, characterized in that the external conductor (113) is arranged to coat the insulating member (112) so that a part of the periphery thereof is exposed, the insulating member (112) is provided at the exposed peripheral portion (115) with an electrostatic capacity element (114) which couples ends of the external conductor coating the insulating

member (112) to each other, and the exposed periphery portion (115) serving as the heat insulating portion.

39.(withdrawn): A heat insulating type coaxial cable according to claim 35, characterized in that the external conductor (123) is arranged to coat the insulating member (122) so that a part of the periphery thereof is exposed, and at the exposed peripheral portion (124) of the insulating member (122), both the opposing ends of the external conductor coating the insulating member (122) at the periphery thereof are formed into comb-shaped portions and opposed to each other in an interdigitating fashion so that a coupling capacity is created thereat and the opposing external conductor portions formed into the comb-shaped portions serving as the heat insulating portion.

40.(currently amended): A heat insulating type coaxial cable according to claim 35, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the external conductor is composed of a metal plating layer (133) coating the insulating member (132) at the periphery thereof and a resin layer (134) coating the metal plating layer (133), and at least the metal plating layer (133) also serving as the heat insulating portion.

41.(withdrawn): A heat insulating type coaxial cable according to claim 35, characterized in that the external conductor is arranged as a strap-like conductive member (143) coiling around the periphery of the insulating member (142) with a part of the outer periphery of the insulating member (142) left uncovered, and the strap-like conductive member (143) coiling around the periphery of the insulating member (142) also serving

as the heat insulating portion.

42.(withdrawn): A heat insulating type coaxial cable according to claim 35, characterized in that the external conductor is formed into a meander-shaped conductive sheet member (153) coiling around the periphery of the insulating member (152) with a part of the outer periphery of the insulating member (152) left uncovered, and the meander-shaped conductive sheet member (153) coiling around the (periphery of the insulating member (152) also serving as the heat insulating portion.

43.(currently amended): A heat insulating type coaxial cable connectable to a superconductive device including at least one of composing element of which is operated under a superconductive state, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

a center conductor;

an insulating member coating the center conductor; and

an external conductor attached to the outer periphery of the insulating member and provided at a proper position thereof with a heat insulating portion capable of insulating heat from being conducted into the superconductive filter assembly, wherein

the external conductor is composed of a metal plating layer coating the insulating member at the periphery thereof and a resin layer coating the metal plating layer, and the metal plating layer having a cross-sectional area much smaller than that of the center conductor and the insulating member to serve as the heat insulating portion having a larger heat resistance to resist heat transmission on the metal plating layer.

44.(new): A heat insulating type coaxial cable according to claim 35, wherein the external conductor is composed of a metal plating layer coating the insulating member at the periphery thereof and a resin layer coating the metal plating layer, and the metal plating layer having a cross-sectional area much smaller than that of the center conductor and the insulating member, the metal plating layer to serve as the heat insulating portion having a larger heat resistance to resist heat transmission on the metal plating layer.